

1. Olympics®

This week's lesson is about the ancient and modern Olympic Games. Since 1896 these have taken place every four years (except during the First and Second World Wars), and this year the summer Olympics were held in London between 27th July and 12th August.

Level

Upper intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level B2 and above)

How to use the lesson

1. Brainstorm what your students know about the Olympic Games (where they started, how old they are, etc). Don't offer any answers at this stage.
2. Give each student in the class a copy of Worksheet A and ask them to choose an answer from the three possibilities for each question. If students aren't sure of the answers, encourage them to guess.
3. Discuss the questions and options in open class, but don't confirm the correct answers at this stage.
4. Give each student in the class a copy of Worksheets B and C and ask them to read both parts of the text (ignoring the mistakes in Exercise 2 for now) and find the answers to the quiz on Worksheet A.
5. Check answers in open class.
6. Divide the class into pairs and ask the students to work together to find the extra word (where appropriate) in each line on Worksheet C. They should put a tick in the column on the right if the line is correct, as in the second example. As shown in the first example, the students should circle the word in each line that should be deleted and write it in the column on the right.
7. Check answers in open class.

Answers:

Exercise 1

1. a 2. d 3. b 4. b 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. c

Exercise 2

1. the 2. ✓ 3. to 4. be 5. ✓ 6. an 7. stripes 8. is
9. so 10. ✓ 11. did 12. for 13. Mr 14. there 15. but
16. at 17. them 18. modern

2. Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.london2012.com/>

The official website of this year's Olympic Games. Accessible to Upper intermediate level.

<http://www.olympic.org>

The official website of the Olympic Movement, the organisation made up of Olympic committees, athletes, referees, clubs, etc. Full of information on past and present summer and winter Games, teaching resources (see *The Olympic Museum* link), Olympic news, sports, athletes, photos and videos. Accessible to Upper intermediate level.

<http://www1.skysports.com/olympics/history/>

From Sky Sports, an attractive timeline view of Olympic history. Challenging for Upper intermediate level.